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BUDDHIST	24
CATHOLIC	20
THERAVADA BUDDHIST (CAMBODIAN)	15
CAO DAI	5
CONFUCIAN	3
ANCESTOR WORSHIP	1

RELIGION OF REMAINING CANDIDATES UNKNOWN.

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OCCUPATION:

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEMBER	38
SAIGON CITY COUNCIL	2
CIVIL SERVANT	24
RETIRED CIVIL SERVANT	4
BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL	22
TEACHER/PROFESSOR	19
ACTIVE MILITARY	14
RETIRED MILITARY	1
FARMER/LANDOWNER	7
RELIGIOUS/POLITICAL LEADER	4
UNKNOWN	1

2. PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEMBERS INCLUDE MERCHANTS, RETIRED CIVIL SERVANTS, LANDOWNERS, VETERANS, ETC. CIVIL SERVANTS RANGE FROM MEMBER OF IV CORPS GOVERNMENT DELEGATE'S OFFICE TO VILLAGE OFFICIALS. BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUP'S INCLUDES ENGINEERS, JOURNALISTS AND PRACTICTIONERS OF CHINESE MEDICINE. FOUR "RELIGIOUS/POLITICAL" LEADERS ARE TWO OFFICIALS OF HOA HAO VETERANS ORGANIZATION IN PHONG DINH AND TWO CAMBODIAN THERAVADA LEADERS IN BA XUYEN. FOUR OF MILITARY CANDIDATES ARE IN MEDICAL CORPS.

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OF CANDIDATES (ALTHOUGH THEY ARE DIVIDED AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF HOA HAO CHURCH AND OF HOA HAO VETERANS ORGANIZATION/ SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY). AT LEAST 3 OF 14 MILITARY CANDIDATES ARE HOA HAO.

4. ONLY ONE CANDIDATE CLAIMS AFFILIATION WITH NON-SECULAR POLITICAL PARTY (A CATHOLIC MEMBER OF VNQDD IN BA XUYEN). SAIGON CITY COUNCILMEN RUNNING IN IV CORPS ARE TRAN SANH BUU IN KIEN HOA AND HO NGOC CU IN VINH LONG.

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